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MECHANISM FOR A VESSEL

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. United States Patent No. 6,293,395 issued to Hof on September 25, 2001;
- B. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 270 435 A2 (and A3) published on January 2, 2003 by the European Patent Office;
- C. Patent Abstract of Japan No. 2002-249175 published on September 3, 2002 by the European Patent Office;
- D. United States Application Publication Patent No. 2002-0100769 of McKune published on August 1, 2002; and
- E. Australian Patent Specification No. 472,521 published on May 27, 1976 by the Australian Patent Office.

The above-listed prior arts A through E, all in English, are cited in the European Search Report issued on May 28, 2004 to the EPC Application No. EP 04 25 0306 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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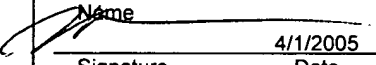
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